Integration of Homoeopathy, Unani and Siddha with mainstream medicines

2363. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to integrate Homoeopathy, Unani and Siddha with mainstream medicines into National Rural Health Mission as part of Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether according to Planning Commission, this integration will help to solve acute shortage of trained personnel in Indian Health Care System;

(c) if so, whether any final decision has been taken thereon; and

(d) if so, to what extent it will solve the problem of Health Care Workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) envisages mainstreaming of AYUSH by integrating AYUSH practitioner with the primary health care delivery system through collocation, contractual appointment of AYUSH doctors/paramedics and providing AYUSH wings in CHCs.

The Planning Commission is of the view that the integration of AYUSH with the modern system of medicine as envisaged in the NRHM would significantly help in solving the problem of the acute shortage of personnel in the Indian healthcare system.

The recently approved implementation framework of the NRHM includes the strategies for mainsteaming mentioned in the first para of the reply. The extent of the implementation would depend on the inclusion of those strategies by the States in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIP).

New AIDS medicine by Arvindo Pharma

†2364. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are aware of the fact that Arvindo Pharma

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.